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Coffee County recognized for setting record child support collections during FY2003

As a result of record child support collections over the past year, Coffee County has been recognized and congratulated.

Janet Hunter, state child support field supervisor for this region of Alabama, congratulated the Coffee County Child Support Program for setting record child support collections during the past year.

Statistics kept by the State of Alabama Department of Human Resources show that Coffee County increased its child support collections by nearly \$200,000 last year. During the 12 month period, the Coffee County Child Support Program collected child support in the amount of \$1,907,786.56. This represented an increase of 11.7 percent over the previous year's child support collections.

"Many people are responsible for our child support success this past year," Coffee County District Attorney Gary L. McAliley said. "For instance, the circuit and district judges, the staff in the clerk of court's office, the sheriff's deputies and work release program jailers have

worked very hard to make sure children of our county are supported to the best of their parents' abilities."

McAliley also praised Gary Jones and his staff at the Coffee County DHR for working tirelessly along with the child support unit of the district attorney's office in filing the legal documents and the follow ups necessary to help ensure the children of Coffee County are supported.

"We can not help everyone because some parents are just deadbeats," Coffee County District Attorney Gary L. McAliley said. "However, we can help most people who have child support problems."

"The personnel in my office decide what action is appropriate for the collection of child support," said McAliley. "If legal action is necessary, I assign an assistant district attorney to represent the child or children's interest in court."

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charge to the person trying to incur large legal fees just to collect child support. He said all a person has to do is pay \$25 to the Department of Human Resources, and that organization gathers the necessary information and forwards it to the Coffee County District Attorney Child Support Enforcement Unit.

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Commission accepts proposal for Enterprise Police Department to handle sheriff's department dispatching

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Commission resolved the issue concerning dispatching services for the sheriff's department Monday, Nov. 10, during its regular bimonthly meeting.

Commissioner Jim Thompson brought the matter before the commission saying Sheriff Ben Moates had looked at additional options for dispatching other than services currently being provided by the Elba Police Department.

During the previous commission meeting, Moates presented a request from the City of Elba asking the county to begin paying \$60,000 per year or \$5,000 per month for the dispatching services.

The city had been providing this service to the county for more than two years without compensation, and officials said the Elba department could no longer continue in that manner.

According to city officials, the dispatching services for the county consume approximately 40 percent of the dispatch workload for that department. The proposal was quoted as a means to compensate the city for these services.

Monday morning, Thompson again mentioned the Elba quote at \$60,000 per year to be paid in monthly installments of \$5,000. He said the sheriff also provided a second to the motion, and it passed by a unanimous vote (commissioners Robert Stephen and Linda Westbrook were not present).

Before moving on, Commissioner Doug Dalrymple stressed this change does not in any way affect the current E-911 service. He said this is a completely different service, and the E-911 service will remain working exactly as it has been.

Revenue commissioner Ronnie Burns addressed the commission to ask for the creation of an office manager's position at the Enterprise office.

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County administrator Wilson Mobley pointed out that the raise asked for by Burns would exceed the county's current policy for employee raises.

Commissioner Thompson offered an amended motion with a second from Commissioner Tom Grimsley to give the employee a raise for this employee.

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Walker was first nominated to be chairman and received the nod by a unanimous vote (board member Rubin McKinney was not present) followed by the same reaction for Jernigan as

vice chairman.

Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram asked board members to declare the sewage project at Zion Chapel as a public works project and give her permission to proceed once the final plans are complete.

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Upon request and a recommendation from Ingram, the board also voted to transfer two of the old spare buses to the Department of Correction's Elba Work Release Center in return for supervised inmate work.

Since the school system recently purchased two new buses, Ingram said the two spares were no longer needed. By either selling them or transferring them to the work release, Ingram said the school system could save money by no longer having to keep them insured.

In regards to the trade, she said she believes the work provided by inmates on various jobs will be worth more to the system in dollar value than selling the buses as surplus property.

She did stress, however, that the inmate work will be provided at times when the students are not at school, and the inmates will be closely supervised.

ELBA'S MEDICAL INDUSTRY GROWS... The Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home officially welcomed Dr. Walter J. Lawrence, MD, and his staff to Elba Sunday, Nov. 2, during a reception honoring the opening of his new practice. Dr. Lawrence and his staff began seeing patients at his family medical practice Friday, Sept. 5. His office is located at 980 Drayton Street across from the hospital and nursing home. Representatives from the Elba Chamber of Commerce were among those to welcome the doctor to Elba. A ribbon cutting ceremony began the Sunday afternoon reception, and those present were (from left): Mary McMillan, Destiny Hudson and her daughter Kate, Mary Gray, Junior Miss Elba Cameron Irvin, Hannah Lawrence, Elba City Councilman David Bandstra, Amanda Lawrence, Future Little Miss Elba Annalee Padgett, Diana Lawrence, Little Miss Elba Reagan Kelley, Kenneth Calhoun, Dr. Walter J. Lawrence, Denise Sauls, Elba Mayor James Grimes, Jeana Hudson, Jan Wicker, Ellen Briley, Doris Mainwaring, Jessica Polmar, Miss Elba Anna Anderson, Beth Johnson, Herby McCall, Jimmy Harrison, Henrietta Grimes and Kays Whitworth, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce.

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Area Happenings

THE 2003 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS reach the second round Friday, Nov. 14, with the Brantley Bulldogs hosting Thorsby. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. in Brantley.

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
with Ferrin Cox

The Elba police received a call several days ago of a stolen car in a local shopping center. The lady had come out of the store with her purchases (shopping at home like a loyal citizen should do) and couldn't find her car. The first call was to the police and the second to her husband, who was at home (probably doing 'honey do' jobs). From her conversation he realized there was a real problem. You see, she was looking for the red Buick, but it was at home. She had decided to drive the little foreign car 'because it needs driving' and had forgotten that by the time she emerged from the store with her purchases. It is our understanding that this lapse of memory has subjected a school teacher (who shall remain unnamed) to a lot of . . . well shall we say harassment - or - embarrassment.

We hope the ordinance just passed by the city council to charge \$500 on fire calls is understood by the Elba citizens; also that the possibility of paying \$500 doesn't cause anyone to delay or not call the fire department when needed. We also hope the \$500 charge is never used as a hammer over anyone's head. If there are any weaknesses in this new ordinance it will be either the delay of citizens in calling to save \$500 from out-of-pocket or city officials down the road applying the ordinance over aggressively to someone when they are on their knees from a devastating fire. That abuse could also come to someone who just called because of fear a brush fire might be getting out of control. We have been assured by present city officials that common sense will be the guiding principal with this ordinance.

The reports during the last couple of weeks out of Montgomery are prime examples of why Alabama citizens still don't trust government. The records show that the State of Alabama bought more vehicles during the last fiscal year than in several previous years. This is in spite of the much publicized action to sell off part of the fleet. Who is the blame is not the real issue. The fact that these vehicles are in inventory is the issue. Then Nancy Worley bought a top of the line vehicle, rather than a plain van. She had several excuses, but none suited the voting public. That extra \$10,000 wouldn't pay a full salary, but \$10 here and \$10 there begin to count up. Truth is that if the money hadn't been spent it would have been turned back to the state treasury. Great!!! With both Alabama's General Fund and Education Fund short money, citizens would swell with pride if departments were seen actually saving and turning back money that they could manage without. Of course it is characteristic of government agencies to spend, rather than return funds. Our imagination sees boundless opportunities if that mindset were to change and department heads thought about the state as a whole - not just about building up their own little kingdom.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department beginning Monday, Nov. 3, 2003, investigated the following incidents: one public intoxication, one stolen tag, three for theft of property, one harassing communications, one domestic dispute, two for unlawful entering of a motor vehicle, one incident, one minor accident, one possession of a gambling device, two for domestic violence, one criminal mischief, two for harassment, one possession of marijuana and one driving under the influence.

The following arrests were made: one for public intoxication and one for driving under the influence. Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: two for driving with a revoked driver's license, one for running a stop sign, two for speeding, three for no insurance, one for driving without a driver's license and one for an expired tag.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

MONDAY, NOV. 3 - River stage - 4.46 feet (6:06 a.m.); Two-vehicle wreck reported on Dr. Robert's Dr. (5:43 a.m.); River stage - 4.44 feet (6:30 a.m.); Routine activity.

TUESDAY, NOV. 4 - Disturbance reported at 2554 Taylor Mill Rd. (12:04 a.m.); River stage - 4.33 feet (6:15 a.m.); One-vehicle wreck reported on County Rd. 342 (3:44 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the wreck on County Rd. 342 (3:44 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to the wreck on County Rd. 342 (3:47 p.m.); Domestic disturbance (in progress) reported across from 1381 Neil Grantham Dr. (7:04 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 5 - River stage - 4.32 feet (6:08 a.m.); Wreck reported on Hwy. 84 in front of Subway (3:12 p.m.).

THURSDAY, NOV. 6 - One-vehicle wreck reported on Dr. Robert's Dr. (5:43 a.m.); River stage - 4.44 feet (6:30 a.m.); Routine activity.

FRIDAY, NOV. 7 - River stage - 4.52 feet (6:06 a.m.); Fight in progress reported at 1161 Martin Luther King Dr. (10:59 p.m.).

SATURDAY, NOV. 8 - River stage - 4.52 feet (6:06 a.m.); Disturbance reported at 541 Plant Ave. (2:28 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a house fire on Lee St. (5:32 p.m.).

SUNDAY, NOV. 9 - River stage - 4.45 feet (6:41 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1285 Ann St. (7:19 p.m.).

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ELBA RECOGNIZES RETIRED TEACHERS... Elba Mayor James Grimes signed a resolution last week regarding American Education Week, Nov. 16 - 22. During the 1990 Legislative Session, the Alabama State Legislature passed Senate Joint Resolution 82 establishing the Tuesday of American Education Week each year as "Retired Teachers' Day." With that, Grimes signed the resolution Wednesday, Nov. 5, proclaiming that Retired Teachers' Day will be celebrated in Elba on Tuesday, Nov. 18. The mayor signed the resolution agreeing that the state's retired educators have served long careers, laboring throughout their tenures to educate the state's school children and are deserving of the highest praise and recognition the State of Alabama can bestow for devotion to the profession. Local retired educators present for the resolution signing were: (seated from left) - Addieleen Newman, Mayor Grimes; Cupidean Crook; and Mary Young; (standing from left) - Sylvia Padgett, treasurer, Coffee County Education Retirees; Dale Moseley, Nancy Branson; Peggy DeVane; Pat Clark; Syble Hahn; Jimmie Rhoades; Lloyd Crook and Elmer Taylor.

Representative Spicer receives appointment from governor

On September 24th, 2003, Representative Terry Spicer, Coffey County District 91, received notification from Governor Riley appointing him to the Alabama Workforce Investment Board. His appointment was effective immediately upon receiving notification from the Governor.

The Workforce Investment System is a method of delivery of employment and training services at the state and local levels to individuals who need those services, including job seekers, dislocated workers, youth, new entrants to the workforce, and employers, under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998. To receive federal funding for these services, a State's Governor is required to establish a state workforce investment board; to designate local workforce investment areas; and to oversee the creation of local workforce investment boards and one-stop delivery systems.

The Workforce Investment Act includes four titles: Title I is Adult, Youth, and Dislocated Worker Programs; Title II is Adult Education; Title III is Employment Service; and Title IV is Rehabilitation Services. The functions of Workforce Investment Board are to assist the Governor with a state plan; statewide activities; provide comments on vocational education activities; designate local workforce areas; develop optional allocation formulas for youth and adult funds; prepare annual reports; develop a state employment statistics system; and develop application, if

desired, for national incentive grant to the state.

The Workforce Investment Act requires that states shall establish a one-stop system that makes core services available, as well as providing access to intensive and training services at not less than one physical center in each local area of the State. Mandatory one-stop partners include: Adult, Youth, Dislocated Worker, Employment Service, Adult education and literacy, Vocational rehabilitation, Welfare-to-Work, Older Americans Act I, Postsecondary vocational education, Trade adjustment assistance, Veterans employment services, Community Services Block Grant, House & Urban Development, and Unemployment compensation.

Voluntary one-stop partners include: Welfare reform, Food stamp employment and training, Food stamp workforce, National and community service, and others.

Examples of Workforce Investment activities will include: Rapid response to plant closures and mass layoffs; Distributing lists of eligible training providers; Conducting evaluations; Providing incentive grants to local areas; Helping establish one-stop systems; Operating a fiscal & management accountability information system; Assistance for areas with high concentrations of eligible youth.

I am very honored to receive this appointment from Governor Riley," said Rep. Spicer. "The Workforce Investment Act is extremely important to adults as

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Views from... The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The girls went to the Peanut Festival over the weekend and both came home with prizes won while playing games on the midway. They both said they won the prizes on their very first try and didn't waste any money trying to win any of those huge bears that hang in the tents, and if that is true, they did better than Dad, who years ago almost threw out his arm in an unsuccessful attempt to win one. Oh well, at least they were proud of their fuzzy hat and soft velour pillow.

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH....

*** The Elba 7th grade basketball team opened its season last week and did something many football teams would have loved to do - allow only six points in two games! The Tigers opened the season with a 47-5 win over New Brockton, and followed it with a 38-1 romp past Zion Chapel. The Tiger defense will no doubt give up many more points as the seasons rolls along, but the opening week was one that they can be proud of.

*** Elba Tiger head coach Karl Bledsoe had almost 40 players turn out last week for the opening week of varsity and junior varsity basketball practice, and after two days of work only three players had decided to hang up their sneakers. The Tigers should have another solid team this season and appear to have a good balance with a couple of big guys that can dominate inside and a number of very quick players that can lead the way as they run up and down the court. Unless I miss my guess Elba fans have an exciting season ahead.

*** The state high school football playoffs kicked off last week and from the looks of some of the scores the men running the scoreboard may have been just as busy as the teams. A total of 18 teams scored in the 40's in opening round action, while seven teams scored in the 50's and five more scored in the 60's. Out of the 192 teams that took the field last week for playoff action, only 11 failed to score. No doubt the bands had plenty of chances to play their fight songs.

*** It wasn't the best of weeks for area teams as Florala, Arinton, Georgiana, G.W. Long, Straughn, Ashford, Rehobeth, Carroll and Enterprise all were eliminated in the opening round. Straighton battered top-ranked Tarrant to the final horn and almost pulled out the win, only to see a pass intercepted in the endzone on the game's final play. Carroll also came close, but the 5A Eagles from Ozark failed on a two-point conversion with 43-seconds left in the game and lost 15-14 to Oxford. The Carroll coach rolled the dice and went for the win instead of kicking the extra-point to send the game into overtime, and it came up craps.

*** Pike County's Chris Nickson passed for 255 yards and five touchdowns and ran for 188 yards and two touchdowns to spark the Bulldogs to a 63-0 win over Oak Grove. The Bulldogs owned a 35-0 lead at the half and never slowed down in rolling up the lopsided win. I know I am not a college coach, but I still can't believe that some coaches still believe Nickson can't play quarterback at the next level.

*** Enterprise closed its season with a 17- record after a 27-7 setback to Baldwin County. The Wildcats fell behind early and trailed 27-0 until late in the fourth quarter when they scored to avoid the shut-out. This year's Enterprise team was young, but as long as the 'Cats must compete in the region they are in I just don't see any banner years ahead.

*** Are Alabama and Auburn the only colleges in the state that don't have good field-goal kickers? The Crimson Tide has lost two games because of their inability to kick a field-goal, while Saturday night the Tigers saw their SEC title hopes vanish with a missed field-goal late in the game. I know that in this age of limited scholarships teams hate to waste one on a kicker, but this year both teams would have been much better off to go out and get one from anywhere across the nation.

*** Back when Troy State was 4-4 the talk was that the Trojans would run the board and post a big 8-4 record. Since then the Trojans have dropped two straight to teams that will be in their conference next season, and all of the sudden the Trojans are hoping that they can win the last two and avoid a losing season. The losses to the major college powers take their toll on the Troy State players both mentally and physically, and as the season rolls on those nagging pains get worse and can lead to less than outstanding play. Troy State is still a pretty good team, but the Trojans simply are not a major college football team.

*** The college football experts had to be scratching their heads last weekend after top ten teams Florida State, Miami and Virginia Tech all lost. This time of the year those so-called experts are busy trying to line up the bowl games, but the only thing that is certain

this season has been that nothing is certain. There can be no doubt that the remaining weeks of the season will have even more upsets, and that the bowl picture won't clear up until after the conference championships.

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*** Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator stopped by early over the weekend and said that if the rest of the playoffs were like the opening week the high school football fans across the state would be in for a real treat. The local guesser hit on 33 of 37 picks last week to move his season totals to 301-40, and even came through on such picks as Baldwin County over Enterprise, St. James over Ashford and Houston Academy over Billingsley. Here are his picks for week #2...

BRANTLEY VS. THORSBY

Bulldogs from up across the river didn't seem too excited about last week's opening round match-up with A.L. Johnson, but

Elba Junior High teams undefeated after opening week of basketball action

The Elba Junior High Tigers and Lady Tigers hit the court last week to open the basketball season and after two nights of action all three teams owned perfect records.

Following are highlights of last week's action:

ELBA JUNIOR AT NEW BROCKTON

7th Grade Boys
The Elba 7th grade Tigers claimed their second win of the week by rolling over the Zion Chapel Rebels 38-1. The Tigers owned a 9-0 lead after one quarter and stretched their lead to 31-0 in the third quarter as they coasted to the easy win. Johnny Stoudemire scored 16 points to lead Elba, while Trey Belcher added 6.

Elba (38); Respress 2, Phillips 2, Hall 3, Belcher 6, Dorsey 4, McBride 5, Stoudemire 16, Z.C. (1); Winters 1.

8th Grade Girls
The Elba 8th grade Lady Tigers staged a furious fourth quarter rally to outrace the Zion Chapel Lady Rebels 33-17. The Lady Tigers trailed 7-0 after the opening quarter and were behind 14-11 heading into the final stanza, but outscored Zion Chapel 22-3 in the final six minutes to pull away and claim the win. Krystal Parker scored 13 points and Brandy Caldwell added 9 to lead Elba, while Taylor scored 14 for Zion Chapel.

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ELBA JUNIOR AT ZION CHAPEL



Elba Lady Tiger coach Leroy Carnley talks with his players during a time-out. The Lady Tigers closed their opening week of action with a 2-0 record after wins over New Brockton and Zion Chapel.



Players fight for a rebound in last week's Elba win over Zion Chapel. All three Elba Junior High teams were undefeated after the opening week of the basketball season.

ELBA JUNIOR HIGH

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

November 13

Elba at Opp
4:30 (7B-8G-8B)

November 17

Zion Chapel at Elba
4:30 (7B-8G-8B)

November 20

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November 20

Arinton at Elba
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Kinston Junior Bulldogs off to fast 4-0 start in basketball

The Kinston Junior High Bulldogs have opened the basketball season with a bang and own a 4-0 record after two weeks of action.

The Bulldogs opened the season with a big 39-18 win over Zion Chapel. Kinston owned a slim 17-14 lead at the half, but pulled away to post the win. Clay Craig scored 22 points to lead Kinston, while Aaron Jacobs added 17 to lead the Bulldogs, while Chase Perkins led Zion Chapel with 9 points.

The Bulldogs improved their record to 4-0 with a 50-30 win over the Samson Tigers. Clay Craig scored 30 points to lead the Bulldogs, while Aaron Jacobs added 10.

Kinston rolled to its second win of the season by outscoring the Fleeta Falcons 35-29. Clay Craig scored 17 points to lead

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This week a hungry bunch of Rebels from up the road will come to town and the 'Dogs bite will have to be as bad as its bark. While there is no doubt the Rebels have an ambush planned somewhere behind the elementary school, the guess here is the Bulldogs will come to play and will chase the Rebels back out of town, and out of the playoffs.

BRANTLEY 12 THORSBY 12

OTHER PICKS:

Autaugaville 36 Cottonwood 16
Reeltown 41 Sweet Water 8
American Christian 34 Isabella 6
Oakman 22 Red Level 20
Southern Choctaw 16 Houston Academy 10
Slocomb 16 Gordo 14
Washington County 27 Luverne 10
Pike County 35 Lincoln 14
T.R. Miller 42 Springville 15
Demopolis 14 Opp 7

UMS-Wright 38 Southside 16
Thomasville 31 Trinity 28
Homewood 24 Charles Henderson 14
Briarwood 17 Eufaula 15
B.C. Rain 29 Stanhope Elmore 8
Prattville 28 Baldwin County 7
Daphne 35 Jeff Davis 27
Opelika 28 Carver 3

SPORTS



BRANTLEY BULLDOG CHEERLEADERS...had plenty to cheer about last week as the Bulldogs blanked A.L. Johnson 21-0 in the opening round of the state football playoffs.

In opening round of playoffs

Brantley blanks A.L. Johnson 21-0

By Greg Brunson
Photos by Janet Brunson

The Brantley Bulldogs opened the state football playoffs Friday night at home against the A.L. Johnson Eagles. Devaris Skanes scored with an extra-point and Brantley was on top early 7-0.

A 47-yard punt return by Brantley's Antwan Foster gave the Bulldogs excellent field-position to begin their next possession, but three running plays netted only two yards and the Bulldogs came away empty-handed when on fourth down a 35-yard field-goal fell short.

Brantley's next offensive series began at its 24-yardline and this time the Bulldogs did get back into the endzone. A 64-yard scamper by Devaris Skanes on the first play of the possession helped the Dogs move to the 12-yardline, and Jamyal Jones covered that distance on the next play to extend the Brantley lead. Cedric Jones kicked the extra-point and with 1:56 remaining in the second quarter Brantley's lead was up 14-0 advantage.

Brantley opened the second half to start a 56-yard scoring march that took only six plays.

The touchdown came on a 21-yard dash by Devaris Skanes,

with 7:13 remaining in the third quarter, and Cedric Jones again hit on his extra-point try as the Bulldogs moved on top 21-0.

The remainder of the game was a defensive struggle with neither team threatening to score. The teams did exchange fumble recoveries with the Eagles' Brandon Fritts and the Bulldogs Devaris Skanes coming up with turnovers.

Brantley will be at home again this week in second round action when they host the Thorsby Rebels on Friday night at 7:00 PM.

Devaris Skanes gained 188 yards rushing and scored 2 touchdowns, while Jamyal Jones covered that distance on the next play to extend the Brantley lead. Cedric Jones kicked the extra-point and with 1:56 remaining in the second quarter Brantley's lead was up 21-0.

The Bulldogs had one more scoring opportunity before the end of the half when Marcel Stamps recovered a fumble at the A.L. Johnson 21-yardline. Brantley's offense was unable to cash in on the turnover; however, and the Bulldogs turned the ball back over on downs as the half Brantley went in with a

lead of 21-0.

For the third quarter, the Bulldogs had a 21-0 lead.

Brantley's Devaris Skanes (5) looks for room to run after breaking a tackle. Skanes gained 188 yards and scored 2 touchdowns in the Bulldogs' 21-0 playoff win last week over the A.L. Johnson Eagles. Also pictured is Brantley lineman Steve Odum (58).

Twenty teams still undefeated

State grid playoffs enter second round Friday night

Twenty undefeated teams and four defending state champions will move into second round action this week in the Alabama High School Athletic Association's "State High School" football playoffs.

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Following is a list of second round games involving teams from South Alabama:

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two-step raise for assuming the position, which follows the current county policy, then review again next year. His motion also asked Mobley to send a letter each year to elected county officials inviting them to meet with commissioners at budget time. He said the officials should respond by letter whether they do or do not wish to meet with commissioners.

The amended motion passed by a 4-1 vote with Commissioner Dalrymple casting the lone opposing vote. Next, the original motion to create the office manager position was also approved as amended. It received the same vote as the amendment.

Johnny Simmons, a representative of the Christian Mission, addressed commissioners to ask for a couple of things.

Simmons said Christian Mission is helping people in a big way.

In explaining this, he said the county commission currently does not donate any money to the worthwhile organization. Instead, he said it pays the county approximately \$3,000 per year to dump at the landfill.

Simmons asked commissioners to consider allowing Christian Mission to dump the landfill cost free for as long as the organization is in business. Also, he asked the com-

mission to consider making a some sort to Christian Mission.

"Christian Mission touches a lot of lives," Commissioner Grimsley said. "We have a lot of organizations that touch lives in Coffee County."

He said he would like for the commission to look at the situation and see if there is anything it can do in the form of a donation.

Grimsley then offered a motion to place a plaque at the Mount Pleasant Senior Citizen Center honoring the family which donated the land for the center to be built. The plaque will be in memory of Norm and Annie Pearl Dalrymple.

The next meeting of the Coffee County Commission will be Monday, Nov. 24, at 9 a.m. at the county complex in New Brockton.

In other business, the commission:

Awarded bids for paper products, personal hygiene and several food items. Enterprise Paper and Janitorial received the bid award for 8 1/2 x 11" Copy Paper - 20 lb., 8 1/2 x 14" Copy Paper - 20 lb., 8 1/2 x 11" Copy Paper - 60 lb., Toilet Tissue and Dispensed Towels. Houston Paper and Janitorial Supply received the bid award for Household Towels, White Foam Cups - 6 oz., White Foam Cups - 12 oz., Food Tins and Unwrapped Forks. Creel Paper received the bid award for Dinner Napkins and Air Freshener - 7 oz. Bob Barker received the bid award for

Sanitary Napkins, Deodorant, Razors, Soap, Toothpaste and Toothbrushes.

Award the bid for a vibratory soil compactor - padfoot drum roller to Tractor and Equipment Company for \$89,555.

Approved a motion to extend a walkway from in front of the commission complex and county extension complex to the back of the curb. Expected cost of this project is less than \$1,000 with county employees doing the work.

Approved a motion to place a plaque at the Mount Pleasant Senior Citizen Center honoring the family which donated the land for the center to be built. The plaque will be in memory of Norm and Annie Pearl Dalrymple.

During a reception held recently at the New Brockton Senior Citizens Center, town officials recognized several citizens for their contributions and dedication to improving New Brockton's overall appearance. Those receiving appreciation plaques included Sonny Eads, Virginia Dowling, Charles Dowling and Berne Mac Bowdoin. The plaques were presented by councilman Johnnie Herron, serving as Mayor Pro Tem. The services provided by these citizens included remodeling work at the New Brockton Police Department, beautification work at the town park and equipment donations.

CITY

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Any volunteer who has not been cleared for duty shall not receive any payment for drill, training or forfeiting unless specifically approved by the city council upon request of the chief of the fire department.

The physical examinations will be paid for by the city, but the city will not be responsible for any medical treatment the exam discover is necessary or recommended.

All members of the fire department shall submit to drug and alcohol testing in accordance with the policies applicable to all employees of the City of Elba.

City employees will receive both November 28th and

December 26th as additional holidays this year. The vote for this was unanimous.

Monthly bills totaling \$71,060.81 were approved for payment. This includes garbage pick up expenses, landfill charges, transfers to the Elba school system and a bookkeeping entry of \$8,252.57 transfer to the utility department.

Police Chief R. W. Whitworth reported that the E911 radio system has been updated.

City employees will hold their annual Christmas celebration and dinner on Thursday night, December 4th.

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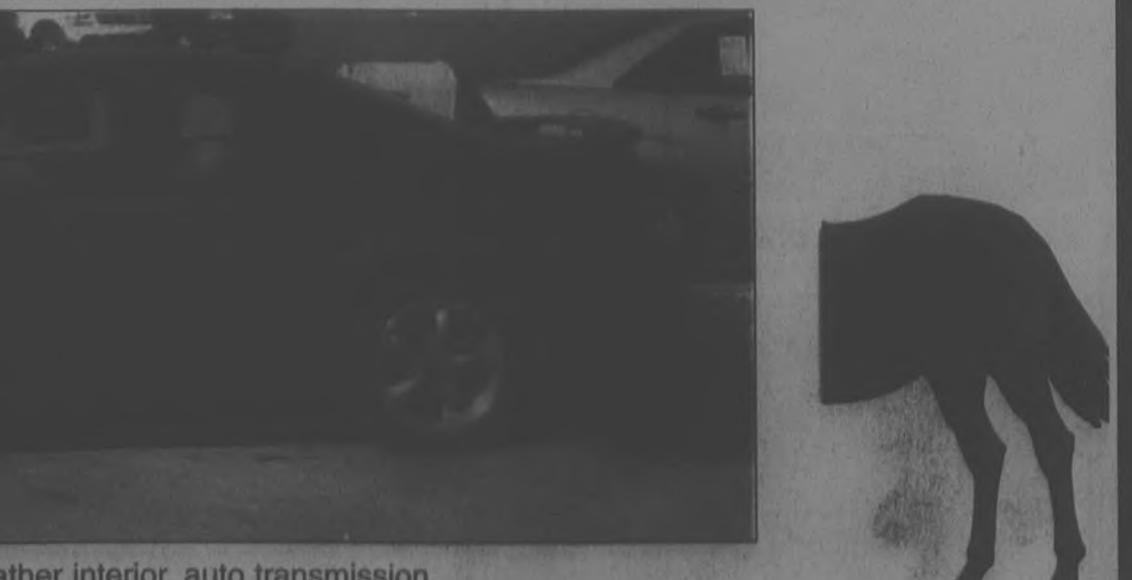
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Volume 107, Number 23 50 Cents Elba, Alabama Thursday, November 20, 2003 1 Section, 14 Pages Plus 1 Adv. Insert

Five county residents arrested on drug charges

Local law enforcement officers continue to stay busy in their fight against methamphetamine in their community.

Investigator Mark Anderson, deputy Neal Bradley and officer Ashley Paul went to the residence at 413 West McKinnon Street in New Brockton after receiving reliable information that a meth cook was taking place at the residence.

Sgt. Shelton stopped the vehicle after receiving information on a passenger within the vehicle. He received consent to search the vehicle and found chemicals commonly used in the manufacture of methamphetamine.

Upon arriving at this residence, the officers were able to detect the odor associated with the manufacture of methamphetamine coming from the house, and investigator Anderson received consent from the occupants to search the residence.

The officers called for assistance and were joined at the scene by New Brockton assistant chief Dale Grimes, deputy Lance Tindol, Elba Police officer Austin Redman and Tony Harrison.

Timothy Lee Waldon, age 36, of Guyton Street, Elba, was arrested at the scene and charged with unlawful manufacture of a controlled substance II. Waldon was transported to the Coffee County Jail and held under a \$100,000 bond.

Sgt. Shelton was assisted in the arrest by Elba Police officer Austin Redman.

On Saturday, Nov. 15, officers

seized a methamphetamine lab in New Brockton as cooks were finishing the last of the manufacture process.

Arrested and charged with unlawful manufacture of a controlled substance first degree were David Harold Lee, age 40, Brenda Faye Lee, age 39, and Jennifer Lee Tidwell, age 21, all of which reside at the New Brockton residence.

Laurence Yaphet Marshall, age 21, of North Brock Street, New Brockton, was also arrested at the scene and charged with unlawful manufacture of a controlled substance first degree.

Sgt. Shelton stopped the vehicle after receiving information on a passenger within the vehicle. He received consent to search the vehicle and found chemicals commonly used in the manufacture of methamphetamine.

Marshall was placed in the Coffee County Jail under a \$100,000 bond.

Tidwell was placed in the Coffee County Jail under a \$100,000 bond and a hold for Montgomery County for outstanding warrants in their county.

David and Brenda Lee were placed in the Coffee County Jail with no bond due to the fact both are currently out on bond in Coffee County for previous charges of unlawful manufacture of a controlled substance.

The search led to the discovery of a meth lab in use when officers arrived. According to officials, it was in the final stage of the cook process, and several

other requirements of the program include: • Loans originated, approved and closed through USDA Rural Development's local offices; • Loan and grant applicants' adjusted household income must not exceed the very low-income category for the area; • Loan applicants must have a credit history that indicates a reasonable ability and willingness to meet their debt obligations; • To qualify for a loan, the applicant must have reliable income sufficient for repayment. If an applicant is 62 or older and lacks the ability to repay the entire amount through a loan, they may be eligible for a grant to cover the portion that cannot be funded through a loan (a loan and grant combination);

• The applicant must own and occupy the property to be repaired with loan or grant funds; • Applicants with assets in excess of limits (\$7,500 or \$10,000 for elderly applicants) must use those assets to meet their needs associated with the repair of the property; • The dwelling being improved must be considered modest for

Today and Tomorrow" account at The Peoples Bank in New Brockton.

Council member Ron McMonagle said the City of Elba has had great success with a similar drive.

The mayor also informed council members about the USDA Rural Development's Direct 504 Rural Housing Loan/Grant Repair Program in which some residents may qualify.

Cole said the objective of the program is to help very low-income owner occupants of modest single family homes in rural areas make necessary repairs to those homes, and loan funds are available to improve or modernize a home, make it more sanitary or remove health and safety hazards. He also said for homeowners age 62 and over who cannot repay a loan, grant funds may be available.

The donation money will be deposited in the "Our Town

REMINDER

The Town of New Brockton will be closed Thursday, Nov. 27 and Friday, Nov. 28 in observance of Thanksgiving.

In case of an emergency, residents are advised to call the New Brockton Police Department at 344-5454.

Elba D.A.R.E. officer Michael Adkinson buckles his seat belt before starting his vehicle. Adkinson and the Elba Police Dept. will join other law enforcement agencies in promoting the "Click It or Ticket" campaign throughout the Thanksgiving holiday.

of Southeast Alabama Medical Center, said law enforcement agencies are expecting to save

as many as 19 lives in the Southeast Region of Alabama with this "Click It or Ticket" campaign.

He said this campaign will promote seat belt usage, and the officers will try to reach motorists through checkpoints and designated patrol spots.

Moates said officers will be looking to make sure motorists are wearing seat belts, have proof of insurance and that children are properly restrained.

In 2001, traffic crashes were responsible for 998 fatalities and 42,900 injuries on

Please See CLICK, Page 14

Area Happenings

THE 2003 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS begin Saturday, Nov. 22, with the regional round Friday, Nov. 21, with the Bradley Building traveling to Tuscaloosa, to take on the American Christian Patriots. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

A JOINT COMMUNITY WIDE THANKSGIVING SERVICE will be held Sunday morning, Nov. 23, 8 a.m. at the First Community Church located on Highland Drive in Elba. All are invited to attend.

THE FIRST OF THE SERVICES will be elected Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 22 and 23, in observance of Thanksgiving. Those who may need assistance with any emergency will begin, never leave the church. To register an emergency, please call the Elba Police Department at 344-5454. The grand total normally expected on Thanksgiving will be paid out on Friday, Nov. 28. Residents are asked to arrive, giving time for the road before 6 a.m. on Thanksgiving.

THE ELBA HIGH SCHOOL BAND will begin its annual Thanksgiving Parade on Thanksgiving Day. Any who wishes to participate in the parade should contact the band director, Mrs. Linda McCall.

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NEW CLOTHING STORE...The Elba Chamber of Commerce welcomed Elba's newest apparel shop, Creative Fashions, to business last Thursday, Nov. 13, with an official ribbon cutting ceremony. The business recently opened and offers a wide variety of styles and name brand clothing. It is located just off the square in downtown Elba near the intersection of Davis Street and Clayton Avenue. Those present for last week's ribbon cutting were (from left): Mary Gray, Jimmy Harrison, Sam Cooper, Kalona Kyles, Future Little Miss Elba Annalee Padgett, Kristie Hooks, Elba Mayor James Grimes, Michael Hooks, Miss Elba Anna Anderson, James Coleman, Kaye Whitworth - executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce, and Herby McCall.

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